

HONORING CORPORAL WALTER
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HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2002

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Corporal Walter West. Corporal West retired on August 12, 2001 from the Lower Gwynedd Township Police in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania after thirty-five years of service. He has been an outstanding member of his community.

Mr. West began his career in the U.S. Army in 1959. He was honorably discharged in 1965, having attained the rank of E-4. He became a part-time police officer in May of 1966 and three years later became a full-time officer. In 1970, he attended the Philadelphia Police Academy and earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science from Montgomery County Community College. Corporal West served in the Lower Gwynedd police force admirably. In fact, he was inducted into the American Police Hall of Fame in 1983.

Corporal West has been active in the F.O.P. Montgomery County Lodge #14 and has participated in other community programs such as The Salvation Army Holiday Food Drive, the Home Run Derby, the YMCA physical fitness program and the Rotary Club of which he was a past president. He has been recognized by many in his community for his years of dedicated service.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to recognize Corporal Walter West for his many years of dedicated service. Our community is a better place because of his contributions.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD G.
CARPENTER

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

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Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many contributions of Dr. Richard G. Carpenter to Calhoun Community College and the Decatur, Alabama community during the last ten years. I join his family, friends and colleagues as they celebrate his accomplishments and congratulate him for a successful tenure as President of the school and an exciting new future as President of the Wisconsin Technical College System.

Dr. Carpenter, a native of Franklinton, Louisiana, has been President of Calhoun Community College since 1992. Calhoun is Alabama's largest community college, and Dr. Carpenter has provided them with progressive and visionary leadership for the past decade. He has played a pivotal role in shaping Calhoun Community College to what it is today and will be greatly missed.

Among his accomplishments at Calhoun Community College are its ongoing construction of the school's Technology Park and the record setting enrollment for the fall semester of 2001. His prior experience includes teaching at elementary through university graduate school levels and serving as president of three other community colleges. Dr. Carpenter received his Ph.D. in Community College Lead-

ership from North Carolina State University and has been the recipient of numerous local and national awards.

Mr. Speaker, today I join his wife Dana and his three children as well as his many friends and colleagues in congratulating Dr. Richard Carpenter on ten years of extraordinary service to Calhoun Community College. Dr. Carpenter has been an influential leader for our North Alabama community for many years and I wish him the best as he pursues an exciting new future as President of the Wisconsin Technical College System.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BEVERLY
WALTERS

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leadership and achievements of Dr. Beverly Walters in the field of neurosurgery. Dr. Walters is an Associate Professor of Clinical Neurosciences at Brown University, and Chief of Neurosurgery at Landmark Medical Center.

Dr. Walters recently co-chaired a committee that examined a number of studies and established guidelines for the treatment of acute cervical spine and spinal cord injuries. The guidelines were published in the March issue of Neurosurgery. The committee evaluated the best scientific evidence developed over the last 25 years to inform their conclusions.

The standardization and refinement of surgical techniques in treating spinal cord injuries is a substantial accomplishment in neurosurgery, and a testament to Dr. Walters' experience in research and surgical practice. I am proud to represent Dr. Walters, and applaud her commitment to this field.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you and our colleagues will join me in recognizing Dr. Beverly Walters and her outstanding work. Due in part to her dedication, numerous lives are improved daily through increased understanding of spinal cord, injuries.

RADM ARCHITZEL GIVES KEYNOTE
ADDRESS AT USS 'HARRY S.
TRUMAN' CHANGE OF COMMAND

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, March 15, a Change of Command was held on the USS *Harry S. Truman*, an aircraft carrier whose home port is Norfolk, VA. Captain Michael Grothausen succeeded Captain David Logsdon as the Commanding Officer of that ship. Captain Logsdon will continue his outstanding military career as a professor of Military Science at the University of South Carolina. The principal address was delivered by RADM David Architzel. The talk was a great reminder of American Naval strength. It is set forth as follows:

Congressmen Skelton and Schrock, Admiral Malone, Captains Logsdon and Grothausen and your families, distin-

guished guests and most importantly, men and women of USS *Harry S. Truman*.

Good morning to all of you, what a great personal and professional honor it is for me to address the crew of this great ship.

I accepted the invitation to speak here today with some trepidation and anxiety. After all, our distinguished guests include Congressmen and the Commander, Naval Air Forces, U.S. Atlantic Fleet (AIRLANT) and others who are far more eloquent speakers than I. Captain Logsdon was persistent in his efforts to convince me to speak, and as a fellow S-3 aviator, of course, I accepted.

Let me begin by saying that the Change of Command ceremony is one that is steeped in Naval tradition. The crew has been assembled and in just a few short minutes they will witness as all the responsibility and authority of Command at Sea passes from Captain Logsdon to Captain Grothausen.

Today is a day of mixed emotions for Logs, CAPT Logsdon. This is the assignment that he has worked his entire career to achieve; an assignment that many seek, but few ever attain. While he has done a wonderful job and has so many great memories of his time at the helm, nothing can stop the clock. I'm reminded of the Chow Call that I used to have to give many years ago at the Naval Academy: it ends with the one minute call and the words; Tide time and Formation wait for no man!" Logs must now go ashore and he will be leaving this ship, just as Captain Otterbein had to leave it 2 and a half years ago, in the hands of another eager and talented officer, Captain Mike Grothausen.

This Change of Command provides the opportunity to reflect upon the accomplishments of the command and crew of *Harry S. Truman*. It also gives us a chance to talk about what lies ahead.

The United States is and always will be a Maritime nation. Since Theodore Roosevelt and the Great White Fleet sailed from Hampton Roads, the U.S. Navy has been an instrument of national policy and diplomacy, and her ships have been the centerpiece of our national defense. When one considers the striking power, mobility and agility of our deploying Carrier Battle Groups, built around carriers such as *Harry S. Truman*, it is evident that our nation's defense is the strongest it's ever been.

"I've been in the Navy, now, for some 28 years and can honestly say that today's Navy and her Sailors and Marines are the finest I've ever seen. You've earned the right to stand proud. Each deploying ship, squadron, and unit has the full support and backing of the American people, never before in American history has our nation been so completely unified and resolute in purpose.

CNO's guidance for 2002 is to "Fight and Win". He recently reflected on how the readiness, flexibility, power, precision and persistence of our naval forces are dealing decisive blows in the war on terrorism. The Navy is performing brilliantly and he is, as I am, very proud of each and every Sailor and Marine standing the watch. Sustainment of this level of performance presents many challenges to our Commanding Officers.

With respect to those challenges, the President, in his address to Congress on the 20th of September of last year, directed the military to "be ready!" and told Congress and the American people that the military's "time will come and they will make us proud!" Well . . . our time has come, the Enterprise, Theodore Roosevelt, Stennis, and Kitty Hawk Battle Groups have triumphed, and the JFK and Vinson Battle Groups have stepped in and filled their shoes. Whether you're on the tip of the spear, preparing to be there, or supporting those who are, We have a mission and one clear objective . . . to win the war on terrorism and we will.